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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT SHIPPING TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMS US GOC BEING ASKED BY CYPRIOT-FLAG SHIPOWNERS WHETHER IT HAS LIFTED BAN ON VISITS BY CYPRIOT SHIPS TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM. THEY ARGUE NO FURTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR BAN SINCE WAR OVER.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY SAYS IT IS INCLINED TO LIFT THE BAN, COULD REIMPOSE IT IF TRUCE BROKE DOWN. BAN ON NVN ORIGINALLY IMPOSED AT USG INSTANCE (BAN ON SVN WAS ITS OWN IDEA.) CONSEQUENTLY, IT WANTED TO KNOW OUR VIEW.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER GOC WOULD BE WILLING TO MODIFY ITS THINKING IF USG HAS PROBLEMS WITH LIFTING OF BAN. IN ANY CASE, WE EXPECT DECISION WILL BE TAKEN SHORTLY.

4. REQUEST ANY GUIDANCE DEPT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE AS TO VIEW USG TAKES OF GOC LIFTING BAN ON SHIP VISITS TO NORTH VIETNAM.

5. REQUEST ALSO ANY INFORMATION WE CAN PROVIDE AS TO
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OTHER NVN PORTS.
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